GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SIMPLIFYING PASSPORT ISSUANCE PROCEDURE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government is aware of the difficulties being faced by applicants in getting their passports at the earliest;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to simplify the passport issuing procedure; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) Yes, sir.

(b) & (c) The simplification and streamlining of passport issuance system is a continuous process. A Committee was constituted by the Government in March 2001 to review the Passport Issue System. The Committee made several recommendations for simplification of procedures and decentralization of the passport issuance process/system to the district level through the establishment of District Passport Cells. Most of the recommendations made by the Committee have been implemented.